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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-41 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/27/2007.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Examiner acknowledges the reply filed 4/27/2007 in which no claims were amended. Currently claims 1-7 and 9-41 are pending for examination with claims 11-41 are withdrawn from a previous election restriction.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) that was submitted on 4/27/2007 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Palestrant (5,807,311). Palestrant discloses a dialysis catheter having rigid and collapsible lumens and related method.

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Palestrant discloses a catheter capable of aspiration comprising an elongate catheter (10) body having proximal and distal ends; an aspiration lumen (18) extending longitudinally through the elongate catheter body between the catheter body proximal end and an aspiration port (20) at the catheter body distal end, the aspiration port being sized for aspirating particles from a blood vessel;

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and a guidewire lumen (12) being adapted for receiving a guidewire and extending longitudinally through at least a portion of the elongate catheter body adjacent the aspiration lumen, from a proximal port to a distal port opening to the exterior of the elongate catheter body; wherein the elongate catheter body includes a distal segment wherein the aspiration lumen extends distally beyond the distal port of the guidewire lumen (Figures 1-8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 3-4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Palestrant in view of Peacock, III (6,234,995). Palestrant meets the claim limitations as described above except for a plurality of side ports and a therapy device mounted on the distal end.

However, Peacock, III teaches an apparatus and method for selectively isolating a proximal anastomosis site from blood in an aorta.

Regarding claims 3-4 and 10, Peacock, III teaches a catheter (1) with a plurality of side ports (8, 9, 4, 5) on different lumens and a therapy device (3) mounted on the distal end thereof (Figure 1A).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to add the side ports and therapy balloon of Peacock, III to the system of Palestrant in order to allow for better fluid flow and luminal treatment. The references are analogous in the art and with the instant invention; therefore, a combination is proper. Therefore, one skilled in the art would have combined the teachings in the references in light of the disclosure of Peacock, III (see abstract).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 2 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Palestrant (5,807,311).

Regarding claims 2 and 6-7, Palestrant discloses the claimed invention except for the claimed guidewire lumen lengths. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to construct the guidewire lumen to include various sizes for different vascular system treatment, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Boesch*, 617 F.2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see remarks, filed 4/27/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-7 and 9-10 under Denison (2004/0049225) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Palestrant.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher D. Koharski whose telephone number is 571-272-7230. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am to 4:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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